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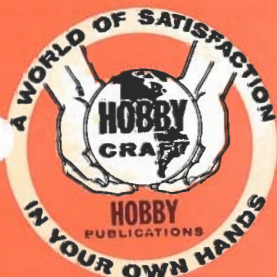
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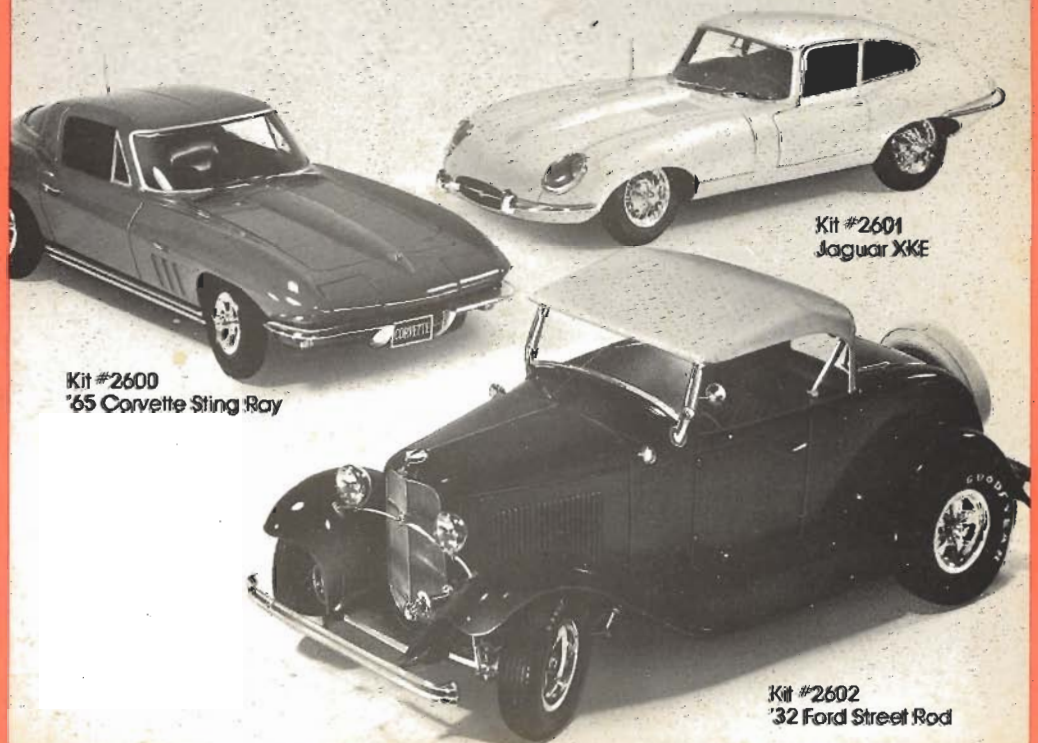
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GETTING started in the Wargaming, Boardgaming and Military Miniature hobby can be a confusing experience due to the vast number of different items that are available. If you were to look at the catalogs from the major manufacturers you would see lists of figures, rules, and boardgames that would seem never ending. But you don't have to buy all of these items to get started — you need only a few.

As to how much, who to buy from, and what to buy — that will be your decision. What we can try to do is to give you general guide lines as to the most popular items available. This goes by historical period or subject in each of the categories. While each area is similar they do have different popular periods or subjects. For the most part these are standard the year around and all of the companies improve on existing products or come out with new products in the same period.

For Wargaming, the most popular subject is Fantasy Gaming. This encompasses the paper and pencil games and the miniature games with whole armies on a side. This subject has caught the imagination of many of the young gaming people since you do not have to have a knowledge of history or paint your figures historically correct. The paper and pencil games allow any number of people to play. In these games, players go on adventures in dungeons in search of treasure. On the way, they encounter all types of beings and monsters that try to stop them and protect their treasure.

Associated with Fantasy Gaming is Science Fiction gaming, which has many similar concepts. In these games, players explore the reaches of outer space and fight their battles in space ships. Both Fantasy and Science Fiction gaming utilize the gamers imagination in that they create their own worlds and gaming

situations.

Next in popularity is the Napoleonic period of history with the numerous battles that occurred during that age. This era saw the troops in beautifully colored uniforms from all of the different countries involved in the conflicts. There are many books devoted to this subject and to the battles. For this type of gaming each side requires hundreds of figures to represent an army. Most of the miniature manufacturers have extensive Napoleonic ranges covering this entire period of history. There are also numerous rule books available devoted to how to re-fight a Napoleonic battle.

The Ancients period for gaming encompasses the historical period from the Chinese dynasties and Egyptian Pharaohs up to the time when Rome ruled the world. The variety of armies and types of battles that can be fought are innumerable during this age. Here again, there are extensive miniature ranges devoted to this era and a number of excellent reference works. There are also a number of different rule books available from which the gamers can choose.

Medievals are another popular miniature range to carry because they have a two fold selling area. They can be utilized by gamers for just that era or in conjunction with fantasy gaming. This is because the Medieval years are clouded with mystery and magic and this type of figure fits right in. Here again the figures can be beautifully painted.

World War II is a very popular period that gamers like to recreate. This is due to the diversity of the type of battles that were fought — land, sea and air. A complete range of rules and miniatures supporting this entire period have been created. There are rules where players can re-fight any type of battle from the Desert Campaigns in North Africa to the

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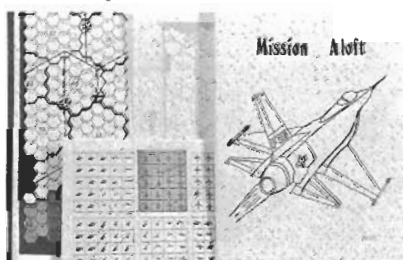
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The Battle of Saratoga is a historical boardgame simulation of this American Revolution battle. It is an excellent game, simple enough for beginners and challenging enough for veterans. Well researched and contains booklet of historical commentary. Includes die cut counters, rules, historical booklet, charts, and is packaged in box with hard back mapboard. \$10.90 retail. Oldenburg Grenadiers, Dept. CM, PO Box 335, Setauket, NY 11733.

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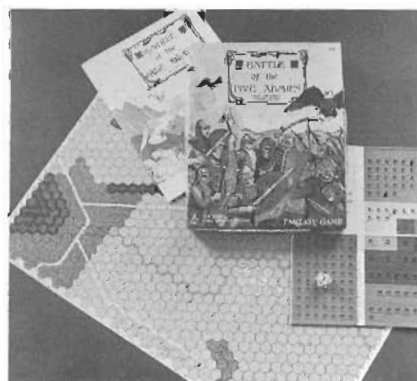


La Bataille de la Moskowa is a historical boardgame simulation of the Battle for Moscow during the Napoleonic period of history. Highly detailed game with special rules covers the different types of troops that were used at the battle. There are some short scenarios where players can set up and play portions of the battle or the entire campaign. It is profession-

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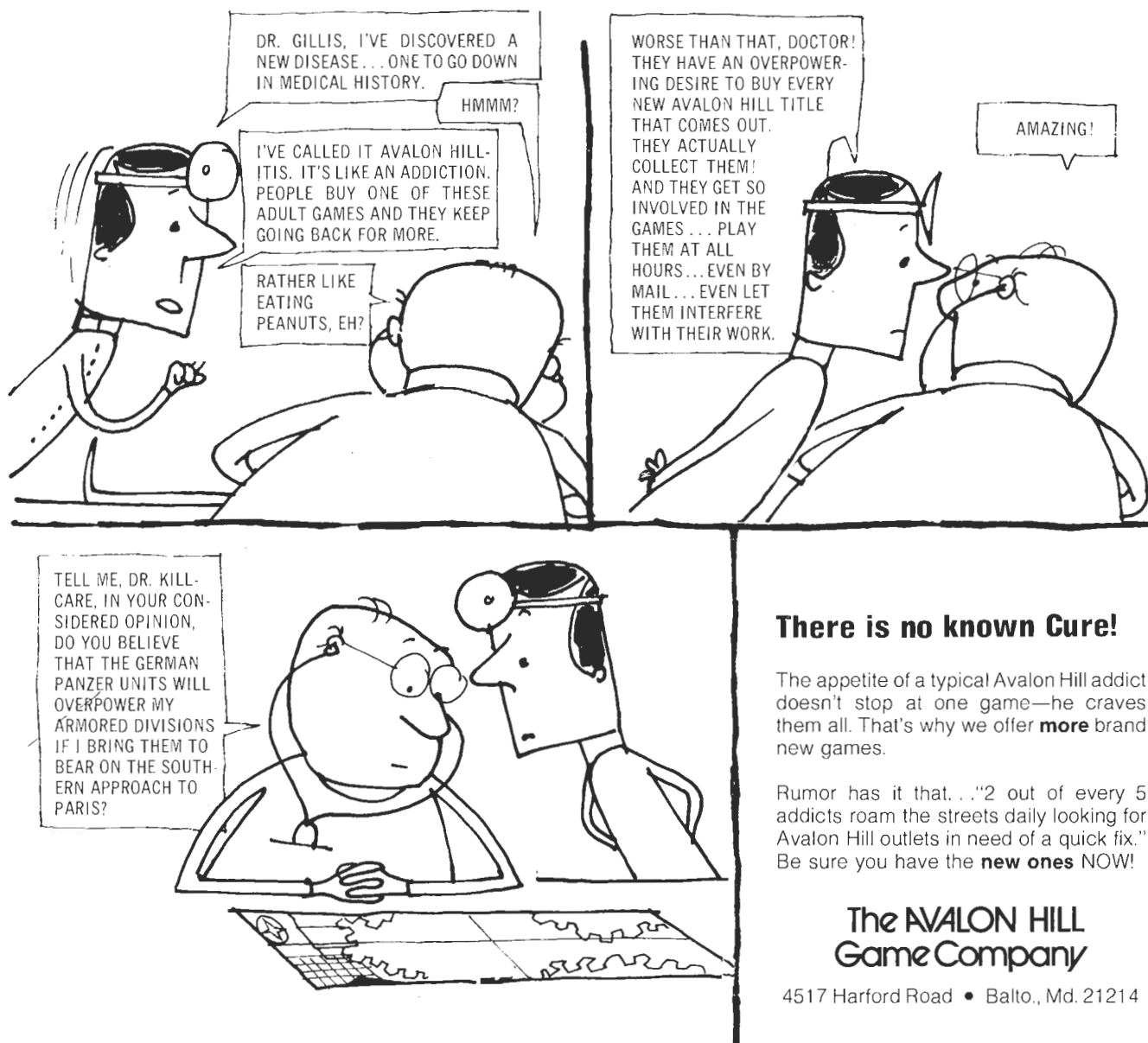


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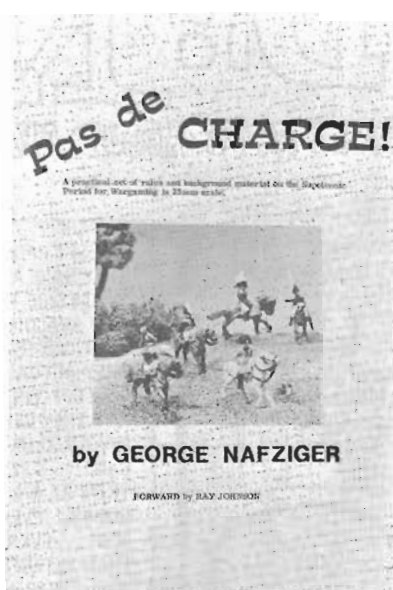
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The Pre-Dreadnought Era 1870-1905 is a set of rules for recreating on a boardgame map any battles from this period of history. Players are supplied with a blank hex sheet, blank counters and must supply their own research data for Scenarios. Can be referred to as a rule booklet for boardgaming. Packaged in zip lock bag. \$5 retail.



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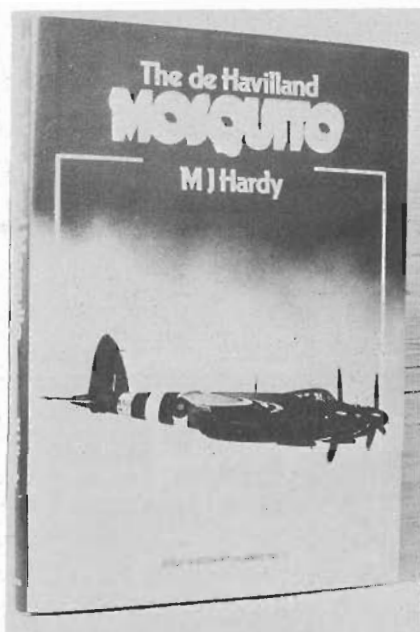
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Tank Battles in Miniature is a long awaited edition devoted to this aspect of wargaming. Book covers European Campaign during latter part of WWII. Focus is on taking historical battles and recreating them on the wargame table. Maps, photos and charts showing tank specifications are given. Historical battles are covered illustrating the tactics used on each side. \$11.95 retail. Bill Dean Books, Dept. CM, PO Box 69, Whitestone, NY 11357.

Models Inc., Dept. CM. 9840 Monroe Dr. Bldg 106, Dallas, Texas 75220. See ad page 3.

COMMAND STUDY

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Mountain Steppes in Russia; the sea battles in the Pacific to the submarine warfare in the North Atlantic.

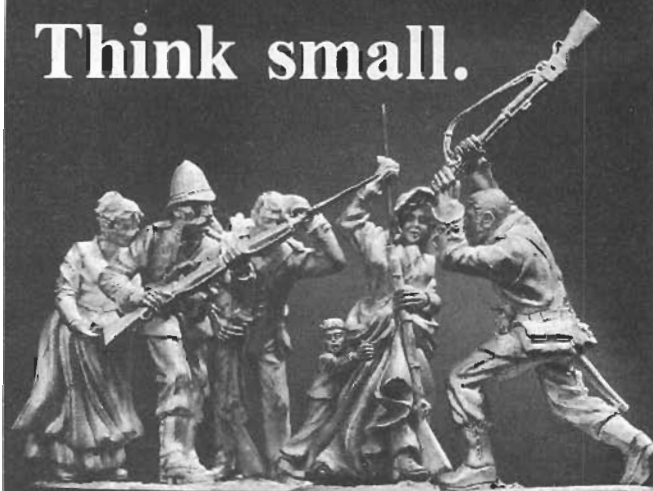
A recent addition that can be likened to the World War II period is the Modern era. At present there is a growing interest in present day technology and the capabilities of today's weapons among gamers. A growing range of miniatures are being made available on a monthly basis.

It is not possible for you to stock everything from all of the periods discussed unless you are going to specialize in this aspect of the hobby. Many of the manufacturers offer combination sales of the various periods so you can have variety. This allows the retailer to stock a number of periods simultaneously and when they run low on one range all they have to do is reorder. The same goes for the rule book publishers in that they also cover many different historical eras. You do not have to order dozens of one type of rule book but only a few of each to qualify for the wholesale discount. This way you will be receiving a number of booklets, all from different periods, and be able to gauge what is the best for your area.

The various book publishers who specialize in reference books that can be used with gaming are also people you should contact. These publishers carry many titles devoted to the various historical periods.

While the entire hobby has not been covered here, we will give you additional information with regard to Boardgaming and Military Miniatures in the months to come. Remember, while it is one hobby, each has different popular subjects. One way to find out what is popular in your area is to ask your customers and watch what sells off your shelves. ■

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